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2. The work which is described in both the U.S. Patent Application and the paper cited by the Examiner (Ryan et al. 2000) represent our work and not the work of another. The paper cited by

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the Examiner describes work presented at a meeting in October 2000, within one year of the filing date of the U.S. Patent Application 10/079,040.

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